

# OHR's Statement at the International Agencies' Joint Press Conference in Mostar

## Christian Schwarz-Schilling on International Day of the Disappeared

Ever since he became involved in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Christian Schwarz-Schilling has campaigned for the rights of the victims of the war, both dead and living. Over the years, he has frequently met with relatives of the missing; he has listened to their stories; and he has been moved by their plight. On International Day of the Disappeared, he has the following message:

"More than a decade after the end of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, thousands of people are still waiting for news of loved ones who went missing. For them, the pain of conflict has not gone. While the grief will not necessarily diminish and the victims should never be forgotten, it is our collective duty to seek out and find the remains of the dead, to recover and identify the bodies and to establish how they died. This painstaking process is ongoing and we are gradually discovering the fate of the many war dead as, sadly, their graves are being discovered every month. On International Day of the Disappeared, our thoughts must be with the families and friends of the missing."

## High Representative/EU Special Representative Thursday Press Conference

Tomorrow, the High Representative/EU Special Representative will hold a press conference at 10 o'clock. That will be 100 days after the speech he gave to parliament on May 24 after his first 100 days in office. It will also be one month before the elections. In this press conference, he will present his

assessment of the achievements or lack thereof of the legislative in the intervening period.